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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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The present invention relates to a ready-to-use reducing compositions for bleaching or permanently reshaping keratin fibres. The reducing composition comprises ~~, which comprise~~ polycarboxylic acids and salts thereof as complexing agents.

The invention also relates to ~~processes and devices or "kits" for bleaching or permanently reshaping keratin fibres,~~ and also to the use of these compositions, ~~processes and devices~~ a method of using a reducing composition and a kit for bleaching or permanently reshaping human keratin fibres ~~and more especially the hair.~~

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The present invention relates to a ready-to-use reducing composition for bleaching or permanently reshaping keratin fibres. The reducing composition comprises polycarboxylic acids and salts thereof as complexing agents.

The invention also relates to a method of using a reducing composition and a kit for bleaching or permanently reshaping keratin fibres.